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ROOMS OF THE OVERLAND MONTHLY,

San Francisco, March 4th 1874.

Dear Mr. Muir:

I am delighted with your very original and clearly written paper on "Mountain Sculpture," which reveals the law beneath the beauty of mountain and rock forms. It is sure to attract wide attention. On consultation with Mr. Carmany and the engravers I find that it will be physically impossible to have the fourteen illustrations done in time for the April number, which must be in press for the last form of contributions on the 10th. We can, however, have them done in time to print your article as the leading paper in the May number, which will be issued April 15th or 18th. As this arrangement will make it more

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conspicuous, and allow lee way
for any mischance with the
illustrations, it is really better than
hurrying so important a paper
to press in a week, even if that
were possible.

Your "Old Shag" is in type,
and will appear in April number,
which will be deliverable by the 15th
or 18th. I will read and revise
proof with the utmost care.

You spoke of desiring the
Yosemite paper to appear in time
for the opening Yosemite trail.
It can easily do so in the June
number, following your first
paper in due course, for that
number will be out the middle
of May, before any but a very
few daring tourists will have
started for the Valley.

Believe me we have every
disposition to meet your wishes
in the publication of your valuable

contributions, and after once
fairly beginning there will be no
interruption or delay, provided
we can always have the MSS.
early enough.

Sincerely Yours,

Benj. P. Avery.